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"The objects and purposes of this Association are to promote, extend and protect numismatic activity throughout California, and to foster and encourage the study of numismatics in all its forms and branches."

The above statement appears in our by-laws as the objective of our Association. There is only one word that will insure our success in meeting this lofty goal. That word is EDUCATE, EDUCATE, EDUCATE.

I've been doing a great deal of traveling these past few months and wherever I go, I see the need for more education. Too many times we look to the dealer for information instead of using the resources available through the C. S. N. A. library and audio-visual material that can be yours for a simple phone call or note to our librarian. Make a determined effort to attend at least one of our two yearly educational symposiums to broaden your numismatic horizons. C. S. N. A. and the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society are sponsoring our next C. S. N. A. symposium, which will be held in San Francisco at Fort Mason. The sponsors are going to great lengths to provide you with a plethora of quality speakers on varied numismatic topics to introduce you to new subjects you may find you want to

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pursue. Don't let these opportunities pass you by! You will find all the details in a separate article on Page 12 of this CALCOIN NEWS. Set aside Saturday, November 3rd, for a full day of enjoyment with people of similar interests. You will be richer for the experience. Don't miss it!

The problems we experienced with our much heralded and publicized Young Numismatist Scholarship Program only underscores the need for a more aggressive education program aimed toward the young people in our hobby. I feel that the rules that governed the program were too stringent and should be relaxed to encourage rather than discourage the boys and girls in our coin clubs from participating in the program. These young people are the future of our hobby, thirsting for knowledge, and should be helped at every turn to reach out for the education and encouragement they desire. I will be entertaining any and all suggestions that will result in more participation by California's Junior Numismatists.

I've had a great deal of feed-back from you on the proposed changes to the Association that were presented in my last President's message. I am delighted to report that they were all positive and, as an added benefit,

received many suggestions as to how they should be implemented. I know that some of you will feel these proposed changes are not necessary, but 'change is the name of the game' if we want to present an enthusiastic face to both the numismatic hobby and collector alike. I would like to see at least 100 new members on our rolls by this time next year and the only way we will do this is by making ourselves more visible throughout the state.

I would like to report to you that the C. S. N. A. 'uniform' I requested be worn by our board members has made an impression! When we walk into a coin show we hear, "Here comes C. S. N. A." Our navy blue blazers, with the C. S. N. A. logo on them, are paying off. Every C. S. N. A. member should wear one to let others know how proud we are to be C. S. N. A. members. Contact me if you want a logo to sew on your jacket.

Letters to our member clubs have been sent out requesting bids for hosting a C. S. N. A. convention in your area in the near future. Please give this request your consideration at the next club meeting you attend. There is a great deal of satisfaction gleaned from putting on a C. S. N. A. show and it will also help your club attract new members. The new commemorative quarter program and redesigned currency program have given the hobby a 'shot in the arm', and attracted new collectors who are looking for a home base for material and information. This is your golden opportunity to provide that base and EDUCATE (there's that word again) new collectors in the joy of being a numismatist, not just a hoarder out to make a dollar down the road. Clubs who offer only an auction and no educational programs at their meetings, do their members a great disservice.

Coins reflect the history of our country and can provide many hours of enjoyment for each and every one of us.

Let's all work together to make our numismatic hobby one of the best! Please let me hear from you. It's only through communication that we are able to assist you with your needs.

CSNA TIME CAPSULE

50 Years Ago: Nov., 1951, Vol 5 #6:

A report of the 9th semi-annual convention in Santa Barbara showed 146 in attendance (78 members & 68 visitors): receipts of \$1,037.650, cost of \$817.21 and a profit of \$220.29.

40 Years Ago: Fall, 1961, Vol 10 #4:

Secretary Dan Harley reported a total of 525 paid members. Brief histories of the Bay Cities Coin Club and the Culver City Coin Club, hosts of the Santa Monica Convention, were printed.

30 Years Ago: Fall, 1971, Vol 25 #4:

S. Everett Phillips was CSNA President; the association won the first award for state/regional Club Newsletters; and the Treasurer reported a balance of \$12,371.92.

20 Years Ago: Fall, 1981, Vol. 35 #4:

The Memorial Educational Fund was formally established by the CSNA Officers and Board Members. Donations received in the memory of departed members will be placed in a fund used for educational projects.

10 Years Ago: Fall, 1991, Vol 45 #4:

Editor Virginia M. Hall's column contained the following thoughts on the benefits of the numismatic hobby. "Education in a study of history, geography, metallurgy, graphic arts design, current events and above all. . . a collection of friends."

109th

CONVENTION REPORT:

Haze hung over the beautiful mountains surrounding Arcadia as people gathered for the 109th C. S. N. A. convention and Golden State Coin Show, August 24-26, 2001. The event was sponsored by the California Numismatic Association (CSNA) and The Numismatic Association of Southern California (NASC).

General Chairman Kay Edgerton Lenker (who also prepared the program and served as event Treasurer) and her committee began the final phase of their work at noon Friday (August 24). Advertising had been handled by Bill & Freddie Grant with Gary Beedon managing the bourse. Publicity was the responsibility of Tom Fitzgerald and Harold Katzman. G. Lee Kuntz arranged for security; signs were made by Don Foster ; Roy Iwata was in charge of the Patron Program and Terry & Don Foster coordinated the Exhibits and Awards. Property and bourse room set up was provided by Phil Iversen who saw that cases, lights, cords etc. were transported to the site and put in place. Phil was assisted by Mike Stanley and Gordon Donnell who had arrived from the north early in the day. The Bourse Room was set up and everything ready as dealers began arriving at 4 P. M.

Hospitality was provided by Joyce Kuntz and Mo Fitzgerald who set out a delicious buffet supper for dealers and workers at 6P. M.

On Saturday (August 25) dealers began arriving at 8 A. M. with a bourse dealer from New York coming in for the last table. Doors were open to the public at 10 o'clock. Mo Fitzgerald was in charge of registration, assisted by Mary Beedon and the youth table was staffed by Ginny Bourke.

The C. S. N. A. Board and General meeting commenced at 8:30 A. M. with President Ruth Phillips presiding. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Mary Colver who had passed away earlier in the week. Committee reports were given. Among the actions taken were: 1) to send \$100 (from the C. S. N. A. Memorial Fund) to the American Numismatic Association Building Fund in the name of Helen Carmody Lebo; 2) set the next Board Meeting for Friday evening, February 15, 2002, in Concord; 3) approve the design for the 110th Convention medal; 4) Granted \$500 for the youth auction to be held in Concord and \$250 for youth activities at the 110th convention in Arcadia next summer; and 5) authorized the purchase of 300 ounces of silver for medals. President Phillips appointed G. Lee Kuntz, C. S. N. A. Vice-President as the organizations representative to N. A. S. C.

A letter of resignation was read from Board Member Randy Briggs. After discussion regarding a replacement, Mo Fitzgerald was appointed to fill out the remainder of the term. Mo was present and accepted the responsibility.

The Educational Forum was held at 1 P. M. when Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald spoke on the "Golden Age of United States Coinage". Dr. Fitzgerald

showed slides and related that when Theodore Roosevelt succeeded to the office of President, upon the assassination of McKinley, no one could have dreamed the impact his presidency would have on the circulating coinage of the nation. Dr. Fitzgerald is a past president of both N. A. S. C. and C. S. N. A. and also designed the medals that both issued for this gathering.

The California Exonumist Society held a brief meeting and sponsored an informative talk on "The History of Wooden Money". The speaker was Gordon Donnell, a former C. S. N. A. Director, who is very active in several San Francisco Bay Area Clubs. Gordon has been collecting wooden money for a long time and is very knowledgeable on the subject.

The judges had a difficult time selecting the winning exhibits from those that were entered. The A. N. A. exhibit on quarters was not received as promised and it was missed.

The Bourse was active all day, and Gary Beedon reported that more than 32 dealers had registered for this show. A dealer who was in town for another reason expressed the desire to have a table next year.

Around 6 P. M. attendees gathered for a social hour "In the Garden of Numismatics" before the Awards Banquet held at Coco's Restaurant in Arcadia. Banquet hostess and MC was Joyce Kuntz with Mo Fitzgerald serving as co-hostess. Nona Moore

gave the invocation. The buffet dinner featured "all you can eat" entrees of prime rib, salmon fillets and honey dijon chicken, with salads, vegetables and a dessert table with an assortment of fresh baked pies and cookies. Following dinner, exhibit winners were announced and awards given.

C. S. N. A. President Ruth Phillips presented an off-metal set of convention medals to the event's General Chairman Kay Lenker, and Joyce Kuntz presented a set to the designer Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald. Convention volunteers were recognized and thanked. At the close of the banquet, a drawing was held for table favors and decorations. Both money trees "went north", as Grace Anderson (Merced) and Gordon Donnell (Oakland) were the "big" winners. Wonder how they got those trees home?

On Sunday (August 26) the bourse room was opened and N. A. S. C. held their Board and General meeting. Crowds seemed a little smaller on Sunday, but attendance was steady with registration still giving out badges to within a hour of the closing of the bourse. Dealers reported good and steady sales throughout both days. N. A. S. C. held a gold drawing at 3:30 P. M.

By 4 P. M. the convention and show had passed into history with photos going in to the Historian's book and memories filed away. The committee members were assisted by a number of volunteers who broke down the show in short order. A tired committee went home with the knowledge that theirs was a job WELL DONE! The 109th Convention held in Arcadia was deemed a success!

EXHIBIT WINNERS:

CATEGORY A:

U. S. COINS

RON MILLER AWARD

Sponsor DAVID LANGE

First Place

"SOME HORSE CENTS"

BILL NASH

Second Place

"THE SILVER DOLLAR STORY"

KAY E. LENKER

Third Place

"THE 1804 RESTRIKE CENT"

G. LEE KUNTZ

CATEGORY B:

U. S. COMMEMORATIVE COINS

Sponsor: JERRY & MARY YAHALOM

First Place

"MT RUSHMORE MEMORIAL
COINS"

PHIL IVERSEN

Second Place

"1936 CLEVELAND GREAT LAKES
EXPOSITION HALF DOLLAR"

ROY IWATA

CATEGORY D:

MODERN FOREIGN (1500-Date)

Sponsor: JOHN LENKER

MEMORIAL

First Place

"ALL STEAMED UP"

BILL NASH

There were thirteen competitive exhibitors, using thirty-one cases in seven categories:

Second Place

"COINAGE REFORM OF PETER
THE GREAT"

LARRY TAPPER

Third Place

"THE ROMANOV DYNASTY
TERCENTERARY COIN"

DON COLLINS

CATEGORY E: CURRENCY

Sponsor: DON THRALL MEMORIAL
(C. S. N. A.)

Second Place

"FT. WORTH NOTE"

PHIL IVERSEN

CATEGORY F:

GOLD (U. S. AND FOREIGN)

Sponsor: JIM & ELLEN HUNT

First Place

"DECIMAL GOLD OF MEXICO"

LARRY TAPPER

CATEGORY G: MEDALS

Sponsor: JOYCE & G. LEE KUNTZ

First Place

"MINIATURE BRITISH ORDERS OF
KNIGHTHOOD"

LARRY TAPPER

CATEGORY I: MISCELLANEOUS

Sponsor: HAROLD KATZMAN

First Place

"RINGLING BROTHERS CIRCUS
SCRIP"

PHIL IVERSEN

Second Place

"MY CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC
FRIENDS"

Dr. THOMAS FITZGERALD

Third Place

"DEPRESSION ERA WOODEN
MONEY"

GORDON DONNELL

BEST OF EXONUMIA

Sponsor: C. E. S.

"MINIATURE BRITISH ORDERS OF
KNIGHTHOOD"

LARRY TAPPER

BEST OF SHOW

Sponsor: BABER AWARD

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LARRY TAPPER

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"DECIMAL GOLD OF MEXICO"

LARRY TAPPER

IN MEMORY: MARY COLVER

We are sorry to report that Mary Colver passed away in Oregon, August 22, after a short illness. Her funeral was held in Glendora on August 28th and she was buried alongside her husband, Charles Colver.

Mary was born April 27, 1922, in Los Angeles and shortly thereafter the family moved to Pomona. She graduated from Chaffey College in 1941. Mary had known Charles since

their childhood days because she often visited, via the Red Car, her aunt and uncle in Covina. Their romance blossomed while both were students at Chaffee, but Charles went off with the army during World War II. They were married on September 29, 1945 soon after the end of the war. The Colvers established their home in Covina. Mary and Charles Colver had three children, sons John and Edward and daughter Marylou.

Mary had always been involved in a number of community and church activities. These include her own Episcopal and Charles' Presbyterian churches, membership and offices in the Covina Women's Club, the Friendship Garden Club and the Covina Valley Historical Society.

When she married Charles, she became the wife of a very active and busy numismatist. She accepted her role with enthusiasm. Together, Mary and Charles attended most major coin shows and conventions and she began a collection of commemorative coins. When Charles represented Krause Publications at most coin events, Mary was always present to act as a hostess. She was named Numismatic Ambassador in 1992.

But what Mary collected mostly, were friends. She had a beautiful smile for everyone she met and she was always ready to help when there was a job to be done. She was a "first-lady" of Covina and a "first-lady" of both N. A. S. C. and the C. S. N. A. Now, her sick and aching body has been laid to rest, but Mary Colver will live on in the memories of those who knew and loved her.

(Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald)

Mike Stanley, General Chairman 110th
Convention addresses Board
Nona Moore gives Invocation
Co-Hostesses Mo Fitzgerald & Joyce Kuntz



**Attendees view Gordon Donnel's collection
of Wooden Money**
Off-Metal sets are presented to:
Thomas Fitzgerald, Medal Designer by
Joyce Kuntz
Kay Lenker, General Chairman by
Ruth Phillips

Harold Katzman and Gordon Bennett
 G. Lee Kuntz and Don Foster
 Harold Katzman and Phil Iversen



Roy Iwata receives award from
 Jerry & Mary Yaholom,
 Kay Lenker and Don Foster
 Thomas Fitzgerald and Harold Katzman



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Northern California Educational Symposium

Saturday, November 3, 2001

10 AM – 4 PM

Fort Mason Center, Bldg. C, San Francisco

FREE ADMISSION

The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society is pleased to host the California State Numismatic Association's Second Annual Northern California Educational Symposium. Following the success of the first symposium last year — and the tradition of CSNA forums in Southern California — this will be another one-day event of numismatic presentations open to the public. We have scheduled an excellent slate of speakers covering a wide range of topics:

SPEAKERS' PROGRAM

- Duane Feisel *California Saloon Tokens* — Duane Feisel is an author and recognized authority on California tokens and their history.
- David Lange *Coinage of The Philippines* — David Lange has studied coinage of The Philippines for many years. He is an award-winning author, a regular columnist in *The Numismatist*, and a PCNS Fellow.
- William Metcalf *The Mint at Rome* — Bill Metcalf is well-known to classical numismatists for his years of curatorial work at the ANS and his scholarly and amusing presentations on ancient coins and coin hoards.
- Joseph Boling *Collecting Counterfeit World Paper Money* — Joseph Boling, a retired Army colonel, is an internationally known specialist in Japanese numismatics and co-author of two books on World War II numismatics.

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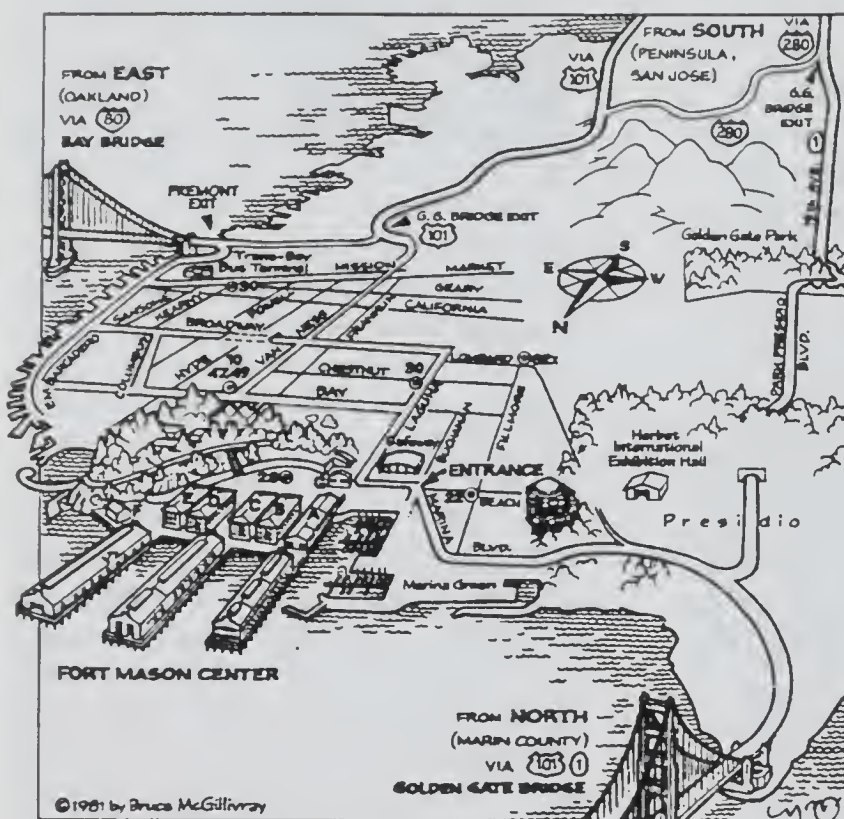
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THROUGH THE NUMISMATIC GLASS:

WHO WAS HENRY HERING?

By Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald

The Oxford Universal Dictionary defines a “*numismatist*” as: “a student of coins.” I dare say, if you asked most numismatists: “who was Henry Hering?” you would get very little information. He is not listed in American Numismatic Biographies, the massive volume authored by Pete Smith. In fact, you could spend considerable time in your local library trying to learn something about the life of Henry Hering. Yet, he played a major role in the creation of two of the most beautiful and admired United States gold coins that were ever struck. Not only was he a sculptor, but also an author. He wrote an article that was published in the August 1949 issue of The Numismatist after his death, titled: “*History of the \$10 and \$20 Gold Coins of 1907 Issue.*”

Here is the Story!

The motivation of producing United States coins that could be favorably compared to any other country’s coins, even Greek coins, would not have come about had neither President Theodore Roosevelt nor Augustus Saint-Gaudens been less than idealists. Both had the great zeal to find the time, support and energy to bring about changes in our coinage.

President Roosevelt first presented his proposal of new coin designs for the gold eagle and double eagle to Saint-Gaudens at a dinner during the winter



of 1905. For the next year and a half, the sculptor altered and realtered his basic gold coin designs.

At first, Saint-Gaudens proposed a full-length, winged figure of “liberty” for both gold coins. After many trials, he decided to exhibit the standing liberty concept on the \$20 coin while the eagle would carry the profile head of liberty. Saint-Gaudens used Christian Gobrecht’s “Flying Eagle” for the reverse of the double eagle. He adopted his “standing eagle” design for the reverse of the \$10 eagle from patterns used in a number of his other works. The profile head for the obverse of the \$10 gold piece was modeled from his unused head of the “Sherman Victory Monument.” At the request of Roosevelt, Saint-Gaudens added an Indian headdress.

Troubles with the Mint

It is important to remember that for the first time in the history of the mint’s engravers and the nation’s coinage, someone outside of the Mint had been chosen to create coin designs. Consequently, there was much anger and hostility as a result of Roosevelt’s decision. First, the Philadelphia Mint officials complained about the very high relief of Saint-Gauden’s models and later about his inscriptions including the use of Roman numerals for the date.

The Task is Turned Over to Henry Hering

As the summer of 1907 approached, Augustus Saint-Gauden's health caused great concern. With the passing of each day, the sculptor was less able to deal with the demands of the mint officials and the alterations to his gold coin designs. At last, he was unable to continue. The work was turned over to Henry Hering, who was Saint-Gauden's pupil and assistant. In Hering's own words: "I executed both coins under his direction, from his designs. Consequently, I was in charge of the work and engineered the proceedings at the Philadelphia Mint." Hering executed both the eagle and double eagle plasters from the master's models. He knew the wishes of Saint-Gauden and cast the models in extremely high relief. Hering wanted to have a die made so he could determine how many strikes it would take to produce the coin.

When the mint's chief engraver, Charles Barber, saw Hering's high relief plaster model of the \$20 gold piece, he rejected it on the grounds that it could not be struck. Hering prepared a second model reducing the relief but it too was rejected. After much discussion, Barber agreed to produce the die using model #1. Hering was notified that the die was completed and, together with Charles Barber, a trial strike was arranged. By using a hydraulic pressure of 172 tons, the first stamping was completed. The result was that slightly more than one-half of the original model was visible. The process was continued, and after the 9th striking, the details of the model were visible.

Hering produced a third plaster model, once again reducing the relief. To his great surprise, his third model was also

rejected. Charles Barber and Henry Hering seemed to have reached an impasse. Barber claimed the coins could not be struck. After an investigation, Hering discovered the reducing machine at the Mint was over 40 years old and obsolete but his request for a change of machines was refused. Saint-Gauden was forced to appeal to President Roosevelt to get the Mint to install and use the new Janvier reducing machine.



By the summer of 1907, Saint-Gaudens's health had continued to deteriorate. An alarmed President Roosevelt dispatched an order to the Mint to issue the double eagles "even if it takes the Mint all day to stamp one." Unfortunately, Augustus Saint-Gaudens died on August 3, 1907, before any coins could be produced.

As a result of the order by Roosevelt to issue the coins, the die from Hering's second model was utilized sometime in late November or early December 1907, to strike several hundred pieces by the hydraulic press. These coins probably needed five or more strikes to produce. The banks complained that the coins would not stack. This was undoubtedly true because the number of strikes resulted in a very high fringe on the surface of the rim.

Following the death of Saint-Gaudens, mint engraver Charles Barber produced low relief \$20 gold pieces from the third model made by Henry Hering. The date had been changed from Roman numerals to Arabic numerals. These entered circulation in late December 1907 or early January 1908.

Who Was Henry Hering?

This brings us back to the title of this column: Who was Henry Hering? So far, we discussed the very important role he played in the eventual striking of the \$10 and \$20 gold coins designed by Augustus Saint-Gaudens.

Sculptor Henry Hering was born in New York City on February 15, 1874. He studied at the Art Students League in New York, 1894-98, and at the Ecole des Beaux Arts and Colorossi Academy in Paris from 1900-1901. This is the same Academy in Paris attended by Augustus Saint-Gaudens in 1866. He

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was a pupil and assistant to Saint-Gaudens from 1901 until the death of Saint-Gaudens in 1907. Henry married Elsie Ward in June 1910.

Among his works is a portrait bust of Augustus Saint-Gaudens and many others including one of his father, all completed for Middletown College Library in New York. Hering did the official seal for the Pan Pacific International Exposition in California, and a memorial relief of General Fitzgerald, 71st Armory, New York City. His art may be seen in the Union Station Chicago and Federal Reserve Banks in Dallas, Texas, Kansas City, Missouri, Chicago, Illinois, Cleveland, Ohio, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hering created a World War I Memorial for Yale U., the Indiana State War Memorial, and a War Memorial for Ridgewood, New Jersey and also many fountains. The above is only a small listings of his works which include medals and statues.

At the age of 44, Henry Hering served with the 40th Engineers, U.S. Army in 1918. He was appointed to the Art Commission of New York City, from 1937 to 1941 and was elected President of the New York City Art Commission, 1944-1945. His Art Studio was located at 10 W 33rd St. in New York. Henry Hering died on January 15, 1949.

Without his dedication, his knowledge of the wishes of Augustus Saint-Gaudens, and his willingness to challenge the United States Mint, the gold pieces may have looked much different.

After 1,200 years of the 12 penny shillings, Britain adopted decimal currency February 15, 1971

THE LEGAL TENDER MODERNIZATION ACT

The Los Angeles Times (By-line Tynisa E. Trapps) has reported that Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz. has introduced a bill in Congress to greatly reduce the use of pennies. He feels they are inefficient, bothersome, nearly worthless, and says that eliminating pennies in transactions is "common sense".

The legislation, introduced July 17, calls for a rounding system, to the nearest nickel, for all sales in retail establishments. For example, merchandise that was priced at \$4.53, would cost \$4.55. An item costing \$4.52 would be rounded down to \$4.50. Kolbe says that his proposal favors neither the consumer nor the retailer because the probability of rounding up or down is 50 percent either way and it would all come out even in the end. Credit card and money order charges would continue to be for the exact amount. Pennies would still be legal to exchange.

Americans for Common Cents, a Washington based lobbying coalition, says that the penny is a valuable asset to the economy, particularly for consumers who are thrifty. Mark Weller, the coalition's executive director says that by forcing merchants to round prices to the nearest nickel, the economy would be adversely affected. Noting that many charities and lower income families rely on spare change, Weller says consumers could be hit with a \$600 million 'rounding tax' every year without a circulating penny. The coalition represents more than 50

organizations that either support or benefit from keeping the penny in the U. S. coin system.



But Kolbe said concerns over increased prices and taxes are invalid because the U. S. Mint would make fewer pennies and save money in transportation and distribution.

The U. S. Mint produced 14.3 billion pennies last year, a little more than half of all coins minted. Mike White, spokesman for the mint, said it costs eight-tenths of a cent to make a penny. "It's profitable", said White, People see it as a real symbol of our economic stability." And, some folks want to keep the coin, if only for its sentimental value.

In addition to the elimination of the penny, Kolbe's Plan calls for designing a commemorative \$2 bill to be issued over a five-year period and prohibit the redesign of the one-dollar bill. The measure would also authorize the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to print currency, postage stamps and other documents for foreign countries as long as it did not interfere with U. S. needs and is consistent with U. S. foreign policy.

The bill has been assigned to the House Financial Services Committee, and Kolbe acknowledges that its prospects are uncertain. "It's been a great friend", he said, "but we don't have any need for it anymore".

A COIN AND AN I. D. A TALE OF TWO MEN

By Don W, Whaley, #4199,
Chatsworth

*Charleston Harbor, South Carolina
Wednesday 17 February 1864
2045 Hours (8:45 P.M.)*

*A crude Confederate submarine, the
C. S. S. H. L. Hunley, achieved the
sinking of the Union blockade
vessel, the 1250 ton U. S. S.
Housatonic.*

The event went down in history as the first submarine to sink a warship in combat.

The story really commences a year earlier in 1863 in a machine shop in Mobile, Alabama. Horace Lawson Hunley, a 38-year-old wealthy southern planter and Deputy Collector of Customs in New Orleans, hatched an attempt to cripple the Union blockade of the Confederacy. Along with James McClintock, he designed and built a cigar-shaped, 40-foot long converted locomotive iron steam boiler. It would require eight seated men, cramped in this four-foot diameter tube to provide hand-cranked propulsion to rotate a stern screw. A ninth person would control a steering mechanism. A torpedo (contemporary terminology for a mine) was lashed to a 15-foot spar protruding from the bow. Such a device invokes the more modern term, "kamikeze" (divine wind) or more appropriately in this application, 'divine wave'.

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To be effective the 90- pound gun powder torpedo had to be delivered to the target by ramming at or below the water line. Escape was yet to be proven and all crewmen were volunteers. When assembled, the vessel was transported by rail on 7 August, 1863, from Mobile and arrived on 12 August at the Cooper River near Charleston for "sea" trials. Those tests were to take a human toll. It lost buoyancy and sank bow-down into the river drowning all 9 men aboard including its inventor-skipper, H. L. Hunley. (Not a good sign.)

The vessel was recovered, reclaimed and redesigned while the dead were interred in a local cemetery. More tests, more fatalities. More volunteers and then that fateful night when this hand-cranked submarine, at 4 knots/hour, navigated its course into history. The torpedo struck the Union steam sloop Housatonic near the magazine and it went down stern first sinking in about five minutes. Reports vary that from one to five Union men were lost as the crew scrambled into the rigging and were rescued by nearby blockade vessels. The world's first successful attack submarine also went to the bottom and its' nine-man crew to their watery grave.

It has yet to be determined exactly the cause for the loss of the Hunley, but among the many possibilities the most logical simply seems that the initial explosion damaged the Hunley by penetrating its hull sending it down. Another consideration is that the viewing port in the sub's forward conning tower was shot out by defending rifle fire from the Housatonic as the

Hunley was detected on the approach. This could have caused the loss of their water-tight integrity, throwing off their neutral buoyancy and resulted in the sinking. Still another theory: the Hunley may have submerged to avoid the rush of Union ships coming to the rescue of the Housatonic's sailors. Or perhaps the Hunley submerged to await the tide change before returning to shore. At any rate the Hunley had completed its first and last mission and was to sit on the ocean floor for 136 years.

Unsuccessful efforts, using modern detection equipment, were mounted in 1972 and again in July, 1994. It wasn't until May, 1995, that a diving team found her four miles out at sea, thirty feet down and about 1000 feet from the remains of the Housatonic. Underwater archaeologists performed the formidable task of bringing it to the surface intact. On 8 August, 2000, the Hunley was exposed to the light of day after 136 years below and carefully placed on a recovery barge. Ashore in a controlled environment, secured in a tank with chilled water, the accumulated crustations of over a century were removed from the exterior. Only then was a hull plate detached and teams of archaeologists cautiously scooped out and filtered the mud and silt that filled the interior. The bones of the nine men will join with the remains of the previously interred victims of the sub, a total of 23, at the Magnolia Cemetery outside Charleston.

Now here is where the story really gets interesting for coin aficionados. One of the first

artifacts to be retrieved from the excavation of the Confederate submarine interior was a button emblazoned with the letter "A" having designated part of an artilleryman's uniform. Then draped around the neck of crewman number eight was a name tag medallion revealing the name of Union Private Ezra Chamberlin. Intrigue strikes!

War Department records of the period indicate that Union Army Private Ezra Chamberlin of Killingly, Connecticut, enlisted in September of 1861. He was assigned to Company K of the 7th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry Regiment which on 11 July, 1863, was deployed to invade Morris Island, south of the entrance to Charleston Harbor. The invasion failed and Chamberlin became one of 340 Union casualties that day. These same records inform us that he is buried in a Killingly, Connecticut cemetery and there is a marker with his name on it. But is he buried there? How did his name tag end up on a Confederate sub at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean?

Conspiracy theories abound and experts are divided: 1) Did he swap sides in the war? 2) Was he a spy? 3) Possibly the rebel knew the yankee and planned to give the identification medal back to his family after the war. 4) Or more simply, was his name tag merely a trophy of war picked up from the battlefield and worn by an opposing army member? Opinions vary and the truth may remain forever

elusive. Consideration has even been given to the exhumation of the grave in Connecticut to determine if Chamberlin reposes there.

It was the custom and practice of many Civil War participants to purchase manufactured ID medallions from camp sutlers or traveling merchants who made their living selling supplies to soldiers. The U. S. government did not issue dog tags until the 20th century. The standard procedure was two tags; one to be placed in the deceased mouth and the other used by Graves and Registration personnel for their records. Basic information required was name, rank and serial number; later blood type and religious preference was included. I have two aluminum discs (44mm) of my father's from World War I (1917-18) which has each letter hand stamped. My own are stainless steel ovals (32mm X 38mm) from the Korean War (1950-53) which were machine stamped.

As scientists continued to map the sediment and excavate the concretion inside the vessel a complex romantic discovery ensued. Fast forward to 23 May, 2001. The remains of the captain of the Hunley, Lieutenant George E. Dixon, uncovered a U. S. 20 dollar gold piece that he was known to have always carried. But it wasn't just a lucky coin; it IS a lucky coin. The 1860 Double Eagle, one of 577,729 struck that year at the Philadelphia Mint, had a unique addition going for it.

The reverse was engraved :

"Shiloh"

April 6th 1862

My Life Preserver

G. E. D. (Dixon's Initials)

Lt. Dixon's Double Eagle gold coin was a gift from his fiancée, Queenie Bennett of Mobile Alabama. (One might wonder why a Philadelphia minted coin would be more accessible to her than a New Orleans issue?) Nonetheless, he carried it in his pocket as a keepsake until the day he died under the waves at Charleston.



The inscribed reverse referred to the day the coin paid off ---BIG---, 6 April, 1862 at the battle of Shiloh, Tennessee, called Pittsburg Landing by the Yanks.



Lt. Dixon, an engineer from Kentucky, was 25 when he joined the C. S. A. cause in 1861 and was with the 21st Alabama Regiment at Shiloh when he took a Union musket ball in his left leg. The force of the bullet deformed the coin in his pants pocket. It in all probability saved his leg and perhaps his life given the high fatality rate of battlefield amputations. Ironically it was his convalescent period that connected him to the Hunley undergoing construction in a Mobile, Alabama machine shop. A project that was to carry him into the history books.

History is made by people. This has been the story of two---tied by discs of metal.

About the Author: Don Whaley is a member of the California State Numismatic Association, the Numismatic Association of Southern California and an A. N. A. member since 1979. A retired motion picture camera operator who has worked on both features and television productions, he feels his most significant contribution was as a U. S. Navy cinematographer assigned to the United Nations Military Armistice Commission (UNMAC) truce conference at Panmunjom, Korea in 1952.

Mr Whaley's great-grandfather, Union Sergeant, Elias Whaley, Company K—11th Indiana Infantry Volunteers, fought in the Battle of Pittsburg Landing (Shiloh), survived and was interred in the Inglewood Park Cemetery, Los Angeles in 1920.

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LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION

By Theresa Lund

Martin Luther has been identified as the third (among the top 100 people) most important person of the millennium.

Luther was born November 10, 1483 in Eisleben, Germany and died in that same city on February 18, 1546. His life and work have greatly influenced the course of world history. His nailing of ninety-five theses to the door of the castle church in 1517 is rated third among the top 100 events. That event, setting "The Reformation" in motion, was surpassed only by Gutenberg's invention of the printing press in 1455 (First) and the discovery of America by Columbus (Second).

Since the time of Luther, many commemorative coins and medallions have been issued to mark such events as his birth, the beginning of the Reformation and his death. Within one hundred years of his death, at least eight German political divisions had struck coins in observation of the contributions of this leader.

To date, an estimated 2000 different pieces have recognized Martin Luther, his life's events, associations and the Reformation. No other religious personage in history has been so recognized.

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The author has but a few Luther/Reformation items in her Lutheran Heritage Collection.

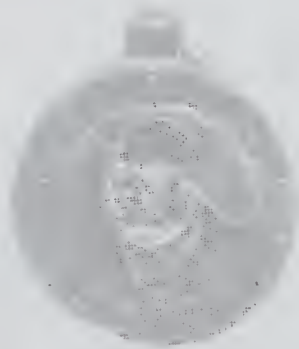
In 1867, a composition medal was issued in Milwaukee, WI. To recognize the 350th Anniversary of the Reformation. This medal was probably designed by Friedrich Lockner.



A pewter issue in 1883, on the Quadricentennial of Luther's Birth, designed by R Laubenheimer is shown below.



1883 -400 Year Jubilee



Nachtgeld” one mark from Eisenach, Germany, dated 1521-1921, crafted out of porceline by Meissner. Martin Luther appears on the piece. The obverse depicts Luther’s seal.



1933 2 Mark



The medal shown below was issued to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Luther’s birth. The high relief medallion portrait depicts him around the year 1529. Twelve years had passed since he posted ninety-five topics for discussion on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany.

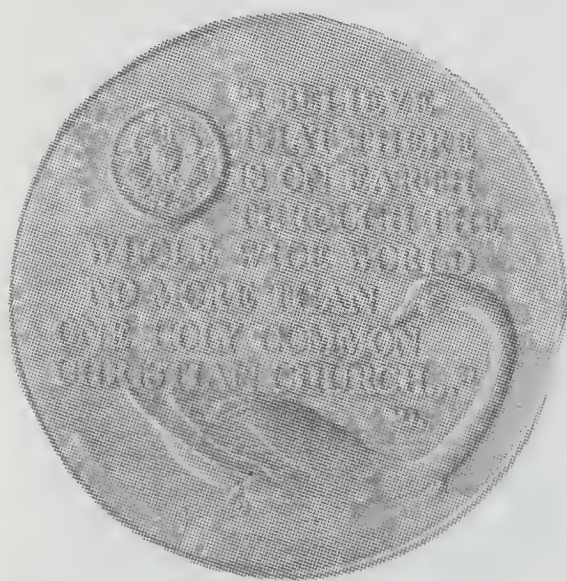


Renowned as a professor of theology at the University of Wittenberg and throughout Europe, Dr. Luther is portrayed wearing his academic hat and robe in a familiar pose captured in paintings of that day by Lucas Cranach the Elder.

The reverse of the medal contains Luther’s belief and the rose seal that he developed as a symbol of his theology. The cross set on the heart reminded him that faith in the crucified Christ saves us. The heart placed on the rose shows that faith brings joy, comfort and peace into bloom. Surrounding the rose, the word VIVIT, “He Lives” in Latin.

The swan symbolizes Luther himself. John Huss, one of the first reformers, said before he was martyred that his executioners might roast 'the goose', the meaning of Huss' name in Bohemian, but after him would come a swan to continue the work. Luther declared he was the swan.

friends, his two sons, Martin and Paul. Dr. Justus Jonas pastorally comforts him. Below appears a quote from the Bible.



This fine art Luther medal was designed and its creation developed by Rowena Moeller Matzat and the Reverend George R Matzat of Celebration Arts, Huntington Station, N. Y. Artist Donald N Everhart was the sculptor. The medal was commissioned by and produced for the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau and issued in 1983.

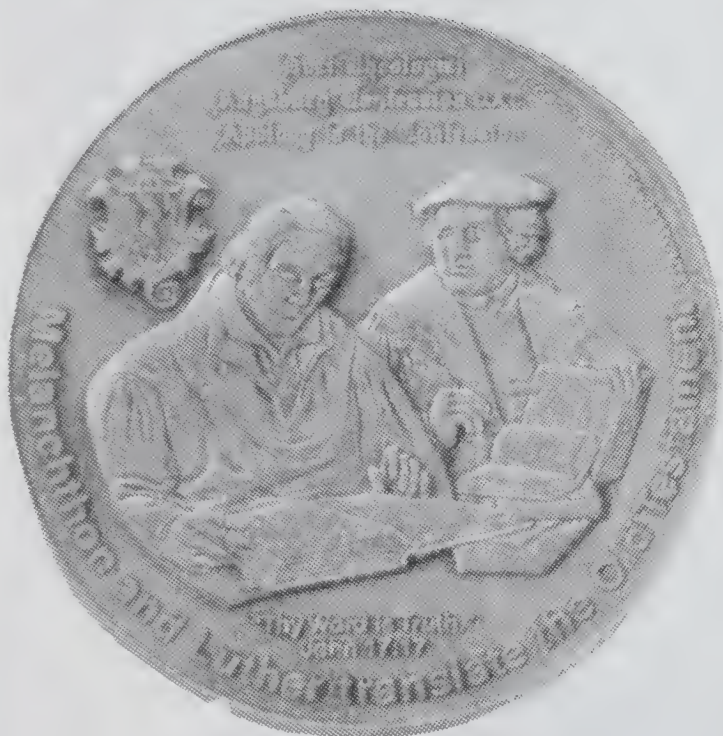


1996 marked the 450th Anniversary of the death of Martin Luther. The medal shown below, issued to Celebrate the Year of Luther, features the great reformer on his deathbed. His hand is on Holy Scripture (Heilige Schrift in German) and he is surrounded by

The reverse of this medal depicts the Castle Church of Wittenberg, Luther's final resting place. It was in Wittenberg that Luther discovered the great conviction of the Reformation "the just shall live by faith" Likewise, upon the door of that same church, Luther nailed his challenges to the church at large to address the truth.

Struck by Medallic Art Co of Sioux Falls, S. D. in cooperation with The Concordia Historical Institute of St. Louis, Missouri, the medal was issued in silver (mintage 100) and bronze (mintage 1000).

In 1997 a medal was issued commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the birth of Phillip Melancthon, Luther's friend. The reverse of that medal depicts the two friends at work. The designer based the composition on a detail from a work by La Bouchere. It portrays Melancthon and Luther working on the translation of the Old Testament published in 1534.



The designer, Rev Scott Blazek, adapted the La Bouchere print for the design working with clay and plaster models. Blazek lives with his family in Clovis, New Mexico where he serves as Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church. As a free lance artist during his "spare time", he has illustrated many children's books, has designed numerous posters and medals as well as the obverse side of the 1993 U. S. \$5.00 gold coin commemorating James Madison and the Bill of Rights.

The medal was struck by Medallic Art Company of Sioux Falls, S. D. in serially numbered, 70mm, .999 fine silver (mintage 100) and bronze (mintage 300).

Luther redefined the principals of the clergy's right to marry, yet he resisted the idea of marriage for himself. This was due to his precarious position of being under both papal and imperial bans. Seven years into the reformation, he finally relented in order to "practice what he preached." On June 13, 1525, he married Katharina von Bora, a former nun. Six children were born to the, three sons and three daughters. Little did Luther realize how much of a blessing his Katie would be in his life. His words for "his rib" always expressed affection and appreciation. The spirit of Luther's parsonage, his wife and family has inspired generations to this day.

In 1999, a medal was issued commemorating the 500th birth year of Katharina von Bora Luther. Frau Luther has been honored on no less than sixteen medallions since the sixteenth century.

The reverse of the medal, designed by the Rev. Scott Blazek, depicts the Luther household. There were 50 Silver medals struck (containing 5.5 ounces) and 250 Bronze medals.

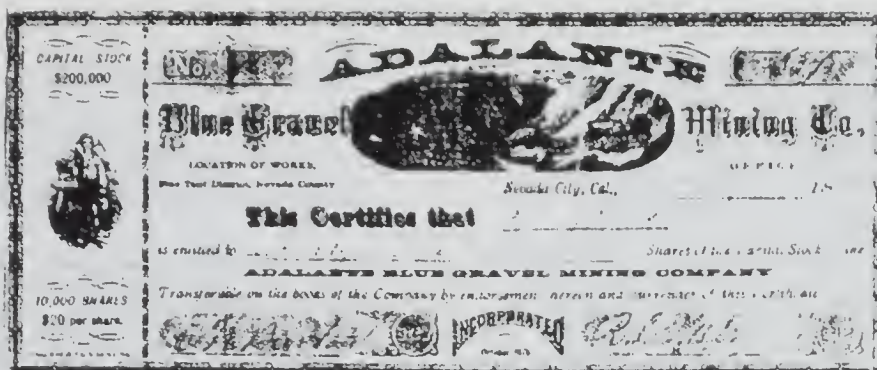


Also in 1999, St Matthew's Lutheran Church in White Plains, N. Y., issued a medal honoring Katherina. The reverse of that medal is based on a drawing of the wedding of Luther and von Bora as it appeared in Harper's Weekly on May 18, 1872.

Designed by Frederick Schumacher, Pastor of St Matthew's, the medal is 1.5 inches in diameter and was struck in bronze, copper and silver and gold plating. The White Plains congregation issued medals in 1980, 1983, 1996 and 1997 to commemorate significant events in the life of Luther and the history of the Reformation.

OTHER "LUTHER COLLECTIBLES"





Adalante Blue Gravel Mining Co. Stock Certificate, 1879, shows miner with pick. Issued at Nevada City, location of Works, Blue Tent District, Nevada County. It has been reported that this certificate is the only one known to exist.

(By Virginia M Hall,
Editor Emeritus)

Located 4 miles NE of Nevada City, Blue Tent, California, was settled as early as 1850. A burst of activity in local hydraulic mining prompted the establishment of a post office in 1878 (the same year the company was founded), but the 1884 statewide ban on hydraulic mining soon turned the community into a ghost town.

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During the reign of Czar Nicholas I (1822-1855) large deposits of platinum were discovered in the Ural Mountains of Russia. A series of platinum coins was developed. The largest was a 12 rouble piece weighing 41.41 grams. Only 127 pieces were struck at the St. Petersburg Mint in 1835. It is listed as C179 in the 19th century edition of the Standard Catalog of World Coins.

The idea behind the Gold Certificates was that they would be redeemable in , and therefore as good as, gold. Gold Certificates were issued in large size from 1865-1928. The small-size Gold Certificate was cut short by the Gold Reserve Act of 1933, which required the surrender of all Gold Certificates (a restriction lifted in 1964).

HISTORIC TRADE COINS:PART 4

By Stephen M. Huston, R-3266, San
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This is the last in the series of informative overviews of major coin types which served as "international" trade coins over a period of 2500 years. Most of these coins were not intended to be used internationally, but their popularity and widespread acceptance was such that they were copied—sometimes officially, but usually unofficially---at places other than the original mint cities, and they were circulated well beyond the areas for which they were originally intended. This information was originally presented in a program for the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society on February 23, 2000. It is reprinted in CALCOIN NEWS with the permission of the author.

THE ENGLISH COPPER HALF PENNY



The English copper penny and its more widely used fraction, the half penny, fall into a debatable area of the trade coin discussion. This coin type, issued and widely used and
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copied throughout the 1700's, has little intrinsic value, but it is one of the most widely recognized and circulated coins of the modern era.

The 1700's marked the largest extent of the British Empire, and this coin was known in circulation in almost all areas of the empire. Though of only token value, the widespread need for copper coins around the world in this period was significant. This was the denomination of daily trade at the individual level, and such coins were in short supply.

The English half penny was so widely used and copied throughout the world that major efforts to suppress it failed, even in areas directly under British rule, such as the American Colonies. Weight standards were ignored, design varieties disregarded, and commerce turned a blind eye to its circulation except at the level of government tax collections.

The copies turn up in all areas where British trade flourished (except Asia, where bullion coinage dominated trade).

In its day, the British half penny probably saw a range of circulation unequalled by any previous coinage on earth. Even following the freedom of former British colonies in the New World, the British half penny served as the model for the size of copper coin, and it circulated among the populace for several generations until sufficient local copper allowed its retirement. A note in U. S. government records from the 1790's states the continuing importation of both authentic and counterfeit half pence was costing the U. S. government about \$30,000 per year in losses.

TRADE DOLLARS



Crown-sized silver coins have been popular in trade along the coast of China since the mid-1700's. While primarily a bullion piece as far as the Chinese merchants were concerned, the pieces circulated commonly in the trade centers and became widely recognized so that individual transactions were commonly conducted without resorting to individual weighing of the coins for daily small transactions. Chop marks were often applied by larger merchants and money changers. The typical individual, if wealthy enough to obtain a silver dollar, usually took it at "face value".

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The US tried to enter its own "Trade Dollar" in this advantageous trade in silver for a few years in the 1870's, but the effort was short-lived. While government reports often noted its success and acceptability, in fact it did not compete adequately with older types to make the effort worth continuing for more than a few years.

British efforts to introduce their Britannia Trade Dollar were more successful a quarter of a century later. However, Chinese silver crowns from local mints dominated this market by the early 20th Century. Many of these crowns, though local official issues, continued to be "chopped" to establish their acceptability in daily trade.

In a similar vein, Austria's Maria Theresa Thaler dated 1780 was used extensively in trade in Arab countries and parts of Africa. The coin was struck periodically from 1780 to the 1960s at mints such as Vienna, Milan, Venice, Paris, Brussels, Rome, London, Birmingham and Bombay.



EDITORS NOTE PAGE

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As I sit in the 100+ degree August weather working on this, the last issue of CALCOIN NEWS for 2001, it is hard to believe that Volume 55 is coming to a close. Even more startling is that another year has flown by. It has been a good year and I hope that you will agree that these four issues have been worth reading.

President Phillips has said that the key word in the organization is "EDUCATE", and that is a major goal of CALCOIN NEWS. We strive to keep you informed on subjects of numismatic interest, what's going on at C. S. N. A. gatherings and items of interest from member Clubs.

My thanks to those who have offered comments and constructive criticism this past year. Thanks also to the officers and committee chairs of C. S. N. A.. Special thanks to all authors and contributors who were published in 2001. You have all submitted valued material and met deadlines in a timely fashion.

Soon we will be selecting the Literary Award Winners for 2001. An announcement will be made at the Banquet in Concord, February, 2002.

Won't you consider submitting an article of numismatic interest in 2002? It's not difficult and we'd like to hear from you and about your area of interest.

I want to call your attention to an error that occurred on page 20 of the Spring Issue (Volume 55 No. 2) in an Article titled "Robberies At The First U.S. Mint. The article read "On July 11, 1800 an order was drawn on Benjamin Rush, Treasurer of the Mint, for payment of six hundred nine dollars and twenty-three cents, the value of twenty-eight ounces of silver that was stolen from the department of the chief coiner by an unknown laborer." A sharp-eyed reader questioned the statement (underlined) saying that the figures shown would make the price of silver far more than it was in 1800. Author Cameron Kiefer of Visalia, replies " It was the author that failed to write it correctly. It should have read "five hundred twenty-eight ounces of silver that was stolen." Thanks Cameron for clarifying.

See the many ads appearing in this issue. Director Lila Anderson has done a terrific job selling advertising and Joel Anderson has designed the material. Let these dealers know you saw their name in CALCOIN NEWS.

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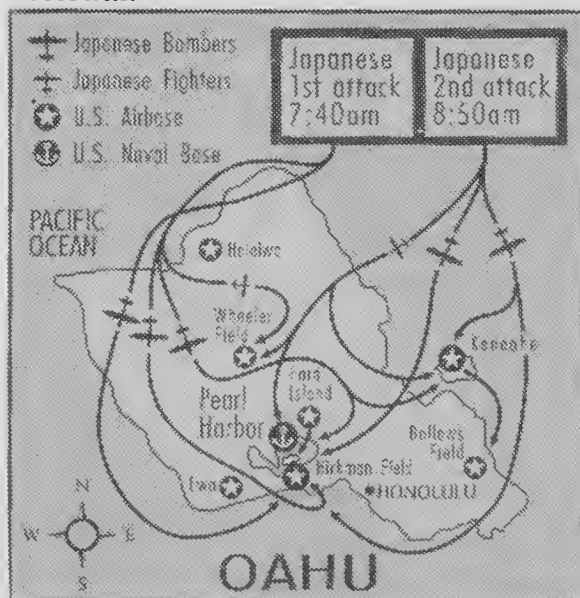
HEROES OF PEARL HARBOR COMMEMORATIVE COIN

By Virginia Hall,
Editor Emeritus

The "Date of Infamy" December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. No other date in modern American history is as memorable—still very much alive in the consciousness of a nation more than fifty years later. Addressing Congress, President Franklin D. Roosevelt aptly called it the "date which will live in infamy:" s Sunday morning when 2,403 of America's sons and daughters gave their lives for freedom. Today, the courage of those heroes and later, the many other American heroes of World War II, echoes across the generations. The men and women who died at Pearl Harbor were the first of many during World War II to give their lives for freedom; their contribution to the liberty we experience today cannot be measured. But some sense of these heroes can be felt at the battle site on the Hawaiian Island of Oahu, a place of reflection where thousands annually come to pay homage to those more than half a century ago. The centerpiece of this historical scene is the sunken battleship U. S. S. ARIZONA—symbolizing both the horrors of war and the beauty of peace. Today, Pearl Harbor stands mute, the guns of war long since silent, an enduring monumental lesson for all peace-loving nations. The sacrifice of these men and women galvanized America to the defense of liberty. Their memory

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Rallied the forces of freedom from a devastating defeat to the resounding victory four years later. Their legacy is the constant reminder that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. And so long as the spirit of liberty endures, the memory of the of the heroes of Pearl Harbor will be eternal.



Target Oahu

The morning of December 7, 1941 was like so many in the tropics—quiet, almost lazy—a Sunday. But it would be a Sunday like no other. At 7:40 a. m., before many of the American servicemen stationed at Pearl Harbor had risen, the harbor and surrounding fields were under enemy air attack. The surprise was universal. The Japanese launched over 180 planes in the first wave from a point 230 miles north of Oahu. Striking with deadly efficiency, the planes hit Wheeler and Hickam fields and pounded into the American warships anchored off Ford Island. So shocking was this initial attack, that only nine enemy planes were shot out of the once-serene tropical sky. The next wave came less than an hour later, pounding into crippled battleships and destroying grounded American aircraft. With one well-planned blow, the Japanese had sent

American naval power reeling. It was a day which spurred the industrial might of a nation into action and sent U. S. servicemen into the arena of World War II.

Heroes of Pearl Harbor Coin, the first coin in history dedicated to the Heroes of Pearl Harbor was officially issued by the Republic of the Marshall Islands, a key battlefield of World War II in the Pacific. This legal tender \$5 coin is about the same diameter as a U. S. Dollar—but even thicker—and painstakingly minted in gleaming brilliant uncirculated solid cupronickel.

The obverse of the coin appropriately features the profiles of the true American heroes of Pearl Harbor, a soldier, a sailor, and airman and a nurse. Rising from the smoke and flames of a burning American battleship, their resolute profiles symbolize the resolve of a nation. Paying tribute to these men and women, the coin is inscribed “To the Heroes of Pearl Harbor” with the dates “1941-1991” marking the fiftieth anniversary. The reverse of the coin bears the coat of arms of the Marshall Islands, an image which appears on all its national

coinage. Minted in solid Cupronickel, the coin is 38.6mm in diameter, and is legal tender of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Minted only in 1991 in a limited quantity.

In Remembrance

For so long as the spirit of liberty endures, the memory of the Heroes of Pearl Harbor will be eternal.



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The medal struck for the 44th Annual San Diego County Coinarama depicts the 'Shark' and the 'Porpoise', in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the first US Submarines.



The medal was designed by Bob Ekdom of Henderson, Nevada, a member of San Diego Clubs. Medals have been struck in .999 fine silver (1 oz); in golden bronze, oxidized bronze and copper.

A set of the four medals sells for \$25.00 plus \$2.50 for shipping and handling. Off-metal copies are \$2.50 each or 3 for \$6.00 with .50 added for EACH medal. Checks should be made out to SDCICDNC and mailed to Medal Chairman, Dorothy C. Baber, 611 Oakwood Way, El Cajon, CA. 92021

In 1873, arrows were added at the date of all dimes, quarters and half dollars to mark a slight increase in the weight of these coins. In the case of the quarter, the weight was raised from 6.22 to 6.25 grams to adjust to a metric standard. Four thousand 1873-dated quarters without the arrows were struck at the Carson City Mint prior to the change, as compared to 1,271,700 of the slightly heavier "with arrows" coins.

Apparently most of the "no arrow" quarters were melted. Only five specimens of the 1873-CC "no arrows" coins are known to exist.



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YOUTH CORNER:

Greetings! As this Fall 2001 issue is being prepared, your Youth Numismatist Coordinator just completed an Association sponsored Youth Table at the August 22, 2001, Fremont Coin Show.

The next planned C. S. N. A. Youth Table is at the Peninsula Coin Club Annual Show, on Sunday, November 11, 2001 (See Key Dates for details on the show). It is anticipated that some table space on the Show's main bourse/coin dealer area will be used. The large blue sign will be posted and visiting youngsters just need to direct themselves to the Youth Table as marked. Free gifts of Coin Boards and Maps, free hobby literature, coin gifts and encouragement will be available to any youngster visiting the Youth Table. Parents are also welcome. Cameron Kiefer, from Visalia, California, is expected to assist your Youth Numismatist Coordinator at this event. Those attending this PCC Show are urged to bring their children, grandchildren, and neighborhood kids.

My 'hat-is-off' to the effort and energy given by the San Diego County Interclub Numismatic Council Coinarama each July. What an excellent program! The Coinarama assigns an area in the bourse room, on the stage, where several tables are covered with coins, books, free literature and games for youngsters. This area is staffed all hours, both show

days. I observed this in 2000 and 2001 taking serious notes and asking questions. The Coinarama's Youth Table is simply outstanding!

The American Numismatic Association (A. N. A.) joint-produced Coin Boards were so popular that there are none left! State Quarter Maps are still available in limited supply. Local Coin Clubs desiring same can contact me at P. O. Box 4104, Vallejo, CA., 94590-0410. Southern California Club's may contact Dr. Walter A. Ostromecki, Jr. at P. O. Box 4914, Panorama City, CA., 91499-4159. Either of us will do what we can to assist. There are two requirements, however; due to availability, there may be a limit on the number requested, and a street mailing address is needed, as these are shipped by United Parcel Service (UPS).

Your Youth Numismatist Coordinator was appointed to the Canadian Numismatic Association (C. N. A.) governing Executive Committee as the Western United States Director. Working in this capacity, I expect to learn how our northern Neighbor, Canada, is promoting Youth Numismatics, and I anticipate sharing thoughts and ideas.

To this end, your input, ideas and insights are always welcomed. In addition to the aforementioned post office box (my official contact point), you may telephone me at (707) 453-6277 (Will C. Wood High School in Vacaville, CA.) or email to Stanrbk@vusd.solanocoe.k12.ca.us.

Michael S. "Stan" Turrini



HE SURE WAS A MAVERICK

By John Hoffman, R5747,
Merced

Merced County lost one of its own recently!

Well, that's not exactly true. . . . Mr. P. Monga was a maverick kind of guy, and we all know that mavericks can be pretty unpredictable at best. Mr. Monga's name appeared on an old merchant or trade token:

VOLTA HOUSE
P. MONGA, PROP(RIETOR)

He was a "maverick" because his token didn't specify an actual location. However, per existing trade token books he resided, albeit tentatively, for more than a quarter century in the tiny community of Volta (Merced County), California.



LONG-TIME MAVERICK ATTRIBUTED
TO VOLTA, CALIFORNIA

I have to admit there had been a small storm cloud thrust upon the horizon in 1986, shortly after I started collecting Merced County tokens in earnest. Stephen Album, author in the early 1970's of the first comprehensive catalogs on

California tokens, had mentioned during a conversation at a San Francisco show that 'there was some question as to whether or not Mr. Monga and his Volta House really came from Merced County's Volta.'

It wasn't until much later that I began searching in earnest for more information about this elusive Mr. M. He was, in fact, one of the reasons I first began recording, on computer, information that I was researching. It struck me as something of a 'time-waster' to look for one person or business name in a reference book, only to come back again and again over time to look for other names.

I began to assemble information from county voter registration rolls—initially the older, hand-written documents, and later the printed registers. Then it was on to business directories, and from there to telephone directories. Currently I'm working on old newspapers, business license records, an occasional high school yearbook. . . you name it and I suspect I'll eventually review and record it.

My database is approaching 50,000 entries and climbing. A significant number of those are from Merced County, but I've also graduated to business directories from at least eleven other counties.

But what of Mr. Monga? Elusive indeed, there hadn't been a trace of him anywhere.

That is, until recently. I received a brief note from Bob Busby, trade token collector and dealer extraordinaire, along with a photocopy of another token issued by Mr. P. Monga, Prop. Only this

one had a location on it: Kennett, Cal. It's not often that a merchant who issues a 'maverick' token returns to issue a second token with a specific location. It's even rarer when a merchant who has been a 'maverick' for as long as Mr. Monga has is correctly identified by a newly discovered second token issue. One thing for sure: if more old-time shop-keepers had been this considerate, trade token collectors could be spending less time researching and more time searching!

So, Mr. Monga has now been attributed properly to Shasta County. I do miss him, who wouldn't, after spending all those many long days and evenings looking for some kind of good news for Merced County? But, now that he's skipped the area, I guess it just goes to prove one more time just how unpredictable an old maverick can be!

Editors Note: Mr. Hoffman is an avid Merced County Token collector and the Editor of *COINNECTIONS*, the newsletter of the Gateway Coin Club of Merced County/ This tale is one of his many adventures is pursuing his hobby.



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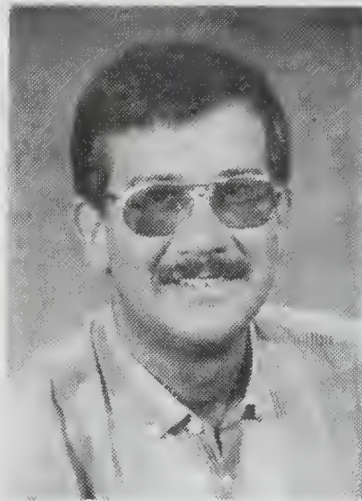
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Again, welcome to another saga in the numismatic adventures of Northern California Coin Clubs! One of the purposes of this column (and its sister 'South') is to record the history, names, dates, events and happenings of local coin hobbyists here in the Golden State. Over the past three years, several fellow coin hobbyists have expressed and stated quite strongly, that they do read these two columns. Why? To learn what has been happening! So, with that, What has been happening: Read On!

The VISALIA COIN CLUB writes that it's young Vice-President, CAMERON KIEFER is serving as an Intern with the A. N. A. at its headquarters in Colorado Springs, CO. and at the Convention in Atlanta, GA. Summer 2001. Cameron has also resurrected the monthly newsletter of the Franklin Collectors Club.

As a promotion and publicity stunt, the STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB, for its July 14 and 15, 2001 Coin Show in Modesto, placed in circulation five dated 1909S Lincoln Cents. SCCC President TERRY WOODWARD reported that one was found by a gentlemen in Turlock. The finder, after verification that it was one of those placed by the club, opted to keep the coin in his personal collection.

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Keep looking: there are still four more out there!

The LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB says that their annual potluck "had a pretty nice turnout. A little hot outside and so were the Bingo cards at game time". Bingo winners were ROGER NERTON (twice). TERRY GRANER, RICH SPIVY, TOM SCHROEDER, DAN HENDERSON, SEAN KRAMER, and STEVE KRAMER. The Blackout Bingo Winner was DAN HENDERSON. "When the winning number was called, he had two cards with a blackout bingo on each. What are the odds?" ROBERT OLLA was a new winner this year scoring fifteen points in Slab Toss. Nice toss Robert!

DAVID EVANS showed the video 'Money:History in Your Hands' to the SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB in June. The SFCC remains active and several members have come-forth to help the club through declining membership and rising expenses. MARK W. CLARK. Editor of SFCC's *TWO CENTS WORTH* is among those helping to keep the club going. The Club has a new mailing address: P. O. Box 880994, San Francisco, CA., 94188-0994. The Club may be contacted at (415) 296-8495 or

mwelark@creative.net. Former members are encouraged to contact the club.

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB heard DON BURNS talk about "Casino Silver Strikes" in May. He told of winning his first one, Red Cloud, at Buffalo Bill's in Prim, NV. He showed his most valuable Aladdin Hotel (at \$40) and his favorite from Harvey's. Don also told stories of how he won many of the ones in his vast collection. The group held an "Other Hobbies Night" June 8. Participants were BILL PEAVY (First Day Covers and Other Garage Sale Finds); STACY OORNS (Breyer Model Horses); KATHERINE RAY (Fifty Antique Watches); ALEXANDER CHIEN (Boy Scout International Rendezvous Souvenirs); SPENCER MORGAN (Magician Escape Tricks); GARY ACQUISTAPACE (Casino Slot, Key and Debit Cards); AL LO (Playboy Mugs); GEORGE TYSON (Grape Vines); and HOWARD WHEELER (Military Medals). In July, GARY ACQUISTAPACE speak on "Fourteen Days: Five Countries".

The FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY heard STAN TURRINI and MIKE STANLEY speak in June. The topic was a presentation on the June, 1989 Congressional Bicentennial Commemorative Coinage First Strike Ceremony which both had attended. Their slides and stories are the only known numismatic record of this historic and unique event. Thanks to the FNS for inviting us. Thanks also to RUTH PHILLIPS who both entertained (with a swim in her pool) and fed us. RANDY CLIFTON, who doubles as the Club's President and Editor said recently "I work on the pipelines for the City's water system and I can sum up June : HOT, HOT & HOT."

The most recent SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB Newsletter received was May 2001. DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, Editor and Vice President, has been hospitalized extensively these past few months and is slowly recuperating. So, SVCC lacks its monthly newsletter. Speedy Recovery wishes to Dr. Baker.

The SAN JOSE COIN CLUB honored EDWARD SINS at its July 11, 2001 meeting with a large cake. This meeting marked the fortieth continuous year of year of service to the club. Ed has served as Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Historian, Membership Chairman and Librarian. He has been a constant source of historical information and guidance to the Board of Directors. He also contributes regularly to the meetings serving as speaker, auctioneer and as a Show & Tell participant. Ed, few, very few coin hobbyists can claim your record of four decades of service, devotion and work. Congratulations!

Several members of the REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB were honored recently with the A. N. A. National Coordinators Award for Numismatic Excellence. ROY ROBERTS, WILLIE QUARANTE. NEAL CONNER, ED REINFELD, CURTIS SMITH and CHRIS NOLEN were presented framed certificates by DR. WALTER A OSTREMECKI, JR.. These certificates were supposed to have been presented last March, but, were misdirected to a coin club in the Midwest. Curious as there no Redwood Trees in the Midwest! A recent meeting featured a 'Show & Tell Theme on Commemoratives". Participants were TIM SPIERSCH, AMANDA SPIERSCH, HOWARD JACOBS, ED REINFELD, NEAL CONNER, GLENN COLEMAN, GARY COOMBER,

KURT GINTER, WILLIE QUARANTE, and MERLE AVILA. RECC newsletter Editor, DR. CHARLES CATLETT editorialized "It is amazing how some people enjoy commemoratives so much. Our friends at the neighboring Vallejo Numismatic Society even commemorate meetings and dinners with wooden nickels, napkins and placemats. I am still; waiting to see the first roll of commemorative toilet paper!"

The GATEWAY COIN CLUB (of Merced County) announces exhibit winners at their June 10th show in Merced. First Place went to JOHN HOFFMAN for his display on 'Merced County Gambling Tokens'. The Peoples Choice award went to CRAIG BLAKE for 'Coins and Stamps' and GRACE ANDERSON won the Junior award for 'Soccer Coins'. In July, GCC heard STAN TURRINI speak on 'The Presidents' a fascinating program that dealt with facts and foibles about each one of the men who have served.

The PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY held its Annual Banquet last June 30 at San Francisco's Gold Mirror Italian Restaurant. PCNS Past Presidents were honored and the following were present at the dinner: DR> PAUL HOLTZMAN, FRANK STRAZZARINO, STEPHEN M. HUSTON, GORDON R. DONNELL, LARRY REPPETEAU, LORI REPPETEAU, RICK WEBSTER, RUTH PHILLIPS. O. L. WALLIS and HERB MILES. The newest "Fellow of the Society", JERRY SCHIMMELL was also in attendance. The Bingomeisters, EVAN HUSTON and RICK WEBSTER conducted the famous post-meal Bingo: "all went home some prize and many were multiple winners", KEN BARR addressed the Society at the July meeting about "MPC's".

The LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY heard MIKE STANLEY and MIKE FIORE speak on "Franklin: The Man and His Half Dollar" at its June Meeting. The August meeting had the theme "O, Canada". Both JIM ROSEN and STAN TURRINI spoke to the group about our northern neighbor. The LNS famous, Annual Book Sale is set for October 2, 2001 at 7:30 P. M. , at Millbrae Public Library, Library Drive and Magnolia Avenue in Millbrae.

Last Spring, the DELTA COIN CLUB (Stockton) heard MIKE FIORE and STAN TURRINI speak on "Enjoying Currency". They emphasized the happiness and enrichment one can enjoy from collecting United States currency. Together they displayed uncirculated small size notes from One Dollar to Ten Dollars. "Pieces from some sets are expensive and hard to find in choice condition (such as those they displayed). Such notes made my mouth water!" Whose mouth? Corresponding Secretary and Editor SYD KASS! Both speakers returned the next month for DCC's Hot Dog Night and presented Syd with a 'Lucky Note'.

The PENINSULA COIN CLUB heard STAN TURRINI speak in July on "What is a Collection". This program is a thought provoking and challenging examination as to what does, or should constitute a collection, the art of collecting and a true collector. Longtime booster, plus Treasurer and Editor FRED G. van den HAAK donated the funds to purchase A. N. A. Quarter Boards that were distributed free to those attending the July Meeting.

The DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY reports that the bourse is 'sold-out' for their 5th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show, November 25, 2001. This show will have a special cash

drawing, coin gifts for visiting youngsters, free hobby information and much more. The Society held its Annual Donation Drawing at the May 17th meeting with a record seventy-two donated items and earning a record \$340 for the Treasury. The drawing numbers were called by JOHN DUHAMEL.

The SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB has just begun a two-year series to honor Theodore Roosevelt and the first silver round, 2001, designed by Club President and Medals Coordinator, Michael S. "Stan" Turrini. Ordering details may be received by contacting the Club at P. O. Box 3518, Fairfield, CA., 94533-0351. Direct inquiries to stanyrbk@vusd.solanocoe.K12.ca.us or EMPERORI@juno.com. The Club met at the NCNA=Nor-Cal IV Show in Concord, CA., last July 28. RUTH PHILLIPS, current C. S. N. A. President spoke on "Ruth's Truths", reflecting on her experience with club medals for the Fresno Numismatic Society. The Club hopes for a speedy and safe recuperation for Treasurer DR. RODNEY W. Baker.

The FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB continues its series of medals honoring Solano County communities, past and present. This years medal features Cement, California, 1902-1927, a true company town founded by the Portland Pacific Cement Company. It was once a busy local community, now long-gone. May was the Annual Potluck, actually held at Mary;s Pizza Shak. June 27th was the Club's Annual Hot Dog Night with Stan Turrini cooking the 'dogs'. SYD KASS spoke on "Syd's Specials" in July.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY called Bingo at its May meeting and gave away two—yes 2 full rolls of Silver

Eagles. July 4th found the VNS and neighboring Fairfield Coin Club enjoying their annual joint picnic. It was held at Hangar #75, at the Napa County Airport: "no ants, no noise, no crowds, no dirty public rest rooms, no parking charge,, plus no heat, all in the shade." The August meeting was also held at the Napa County Airport, but at Jonsey's Steak House. The VNS (and its neighbor FCC) will hold their Fifteenth Annual Joint Christmas Party on Saturday, December 15, 2001, at Fairfield's Anheuser-Busch Brewery. RUTH PHILLIPS, C. S. N. A. President, will serve as the Party's M/C. \$1500.00 has been committed for the MEGA Drawing Prizes. Reservations go fast!!

The NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION (NCNA) writes that the 2001 Recipient of the respected Miller Award was DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR. of Encino, California. Dr. Ostromecki was honored at the July 28th Banquet of the Nor-cal IV show held in Concord, California. He joins these prior honorees: MICHAEL S. "STAN" TURRINI (1995); GORDON R. DONNELL (1996); JAN D. HENKE (1997); O. L. WALLIS (1997); EDWARD SINS (1998); MICHAEL M. STANLEY (1998); EDGAR D. FULWIDER (1999); and LEE H. GONG (1999). There was no award in 2000. Congratulations Dr. Ostromecki!

The short-lived, little used, and largely unwanted 20-cent (1873-1876) piece was the brain-child of Nevada Sen. John Percival Jones. He argued that such a denomination was needed in the west to help make change. In reality, the coin helped his constituents-Western Silver mining interests- sell more of their product.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

May 14, 2001
Through
August 12, 2001

The past three months have been extremely quiet in the Corresponding Secretary's office. Summer vacations, travel, and other non-numismatic activities no doubt account for some of the slowdown in new member applications and address changes this time of year. In addition, considerable effort has been made to sort through the C. S. N. A. mailing list, and keep it current and constantly updated. To all of you who have helped in that regard, I once again offer my thanks! It makes my job tremendously easier.

NEW MEMBERS:

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- R-5944 SMITH, Irene
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- R-5945 HOY, Gene C.
San Mateo, CA.
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NEW ADDRESSES:

- R-2836 FOLEY, Eugene A.
Now in Camden, N. J.
- R-5724 FLIPPIN, David P.
Now in Pollock Pines, CA.
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R-5846 SHIELDS, Aaron T.
Now in Westminster, CA.

R-5792 PRENTIS, Rik
Now in Roseville, CA.

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R-5428 TAFT, Brad
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SUMMARY:

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CORRECTION:

Ginny Bourke who was acting Corresponding Secretary reports that she erred in a previous Secretary's Report. In the Spring Issue, Volume 55, #2, she reported Robert Wilhite of Iola, Wisconsin as deceased. This was not so! Our apologies to Mr. Wilhite and we regret any concern we may have caused his many friends. Also, Mr. Wilhite has resigned his membership which was reported in the Summer (Volume 55, #3) Issue.

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1849 Gold Dollar approved
1850 3 cent coinage approved
1863 Fractional currency notes
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DID YOU KNOW?

(Associated Press, May 2001)

4000: The number of times you can fold a bill before it will tear.

4.2 cents: Cost of making one bill.

\$142 billion: Value of the 9.6 billion notes produced in 1999.

7: The number of denominations now made. They are \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100.

1969: The year the \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, and \$10,000 bills were discontinued.

490: Number of bills in a pound.

75%: Proportion of a bill made of cotton. The rest is linen. Before WWI bills were made of silk.

1963: The first year "In God We Trust" appeared on all currency.

\$100,000: The largest note made by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. It was printed for less than a month at the end of 1934.

18 Months: Average life of a \$1 bill.

9 Years: Average life of a \$50 or \$100 bill.

1862: First Year the Treasury Department issued paper currency of the United States, needed to finance the Civil War and overcome a coin shortage.

2,600: Number of federal workers in Washington D. C. and Fort Worth, Texas, who make bills. More than 2000 are in Washington.

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SOUTH OF THE TEHACHAPIS

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The July program of the BAY CITIES COIN CLUB was a "Salute to Japan". The club also featured coins of "The English Queens" to celebrate Queen Mother Elizabeth's 101st birthday. The meeting notice frequently has a page "What's New in Numismatics" so that members can be updated if they do not subscribe to numismatic publications.

COINEERS COIN CLUB reports that ANDREW WOODRUFF returned from a visit to the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco where he took in the money exhibits. Andrew shared the highlights with the club at their July meeting. Several long time members have recently passed away: KEN DEAN, WALTER KOTFILA, and LEE SNYDER were frequent speakers and had served as officers of the club. The August meeting featured "favorite coin or other hobby". In September ANDREW WOODRUFF displayed some of his prize winning paper money exhibits.

A "Bourse Night" was held by the GREATER ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB in July. Tables were just \$3.00 for club members and collectors to buy, sell and trade.
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Many of the members displayed some of their numismatic treasures all with price tags. Some members took cash home; some spent all they sold at the neighbor's table. LES WATSON discussed leper colony coinage as used in various countries around the world.

The HEARTLAND COIN CLUB reports that although their May 20th Coin Show did not have a full compliment of dealers, there was a profit on the show. Tentative date for the November show is the 4th. Designs for the 2002 medal will be voted upon at the October meeting. They should be an historical or important site in East County.

The perennial June program of the HEMET NUMISMATISTS is "Other Hobbies". Members saw TRUDY MITCHELL's collection of Koala Bears. DON DOSKOCIL talked about metal detecting and showed some of the items that he has uncovered. BILL GRANT described and showed his collection of medals. The club has an alarm clock drawing. There is a sign posted that shows all the likely times that members can choose and sign in. If the time slot is not selected \$1 is added to the drawing for the following month. When the amount is won, the 'pot' starts afresh with \$5. The birthday celebration was held July 28th and the club held a

catered lunch. Past President's received plaques during the luncheon. They were ANGUS BRUCE (6 terms); CLIFF PARR (5 terms); CHARLIE MILLER (3 terms); GEORGE MOUHTOURIS (1 term) and BILL GRANT (1 term). The August program was a slide presentation by ANGUS BRUCE on some of the stories bank notes can tell.

The LITTON COIN CLUB held a "Lincoln Cent Roundup" in July. The club provided rolls of cents to be sorted through to find the oldest cent, the newest one, the most valuable etc. Prizes were given for each category. The program for August was a "Coin Grading Clinic" conducted by PHIL IVERSEN. Members learn much about grading at these periodic clinics. The club bulletin features many items of Numismatic Trivia and includes U. S. Mint statistics from time to time.

ROY IWATA was the speaker in June at the LONG BEACH COIN CLUB meeting. His program was "Counterfeit Detection-Diagnostics of Key Date Coins". CHARLES MEAD recently moved to Dallas, Texas to take a position at Heritage Rare Coins. There were some minor mix-ups with the new meeting place but the club reports "it's nothing that can't be fixed".

The OCEANSIDE-CARLSBAD COIN CLUB has a 'Grand Gold' raffle. Their second gold British sovereign was won in July immediately following the last of 80 tickets sold. The club then started selling tickets for the third coin in the series, a one-quarter ounce, U. S. \$25 gold piece dated 1999. The cost was \$160, so they must sell 160 tickets. The club held a show on Saturday, September 15.

The SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

COIN CLUB heard DR. MARGIE AKIN speak in June. Her topic was "What Archaeologists Learn From Coins". She mentioned both Old World and New World examples of information that archaeologists derive from coin finds and described both breakthroughs and mistakes involving interpretations of numismatic discoveries. In July, DENNIS HALLADAY spoke on "The Five Toughest Morgans—That You're Probably Not Even Looking For". The July issue of the club's *COIN PRESS* featured an article on the grading of paper money.

The SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY had a speaker for the July meeting who had to cancel, but the group saw the slides prepared by BILL FIVAZ on "Name That Coin". It was surprising how well the members were able to discern the coin with only a small portion being show. Those present indicated they would like more programs of this nature. August was "Pass The Buck" night. Meeting attendees were asked to bring United States dollar coins or paper or foreign equivalent and share these with fellow members. In September, LARRY BABER spoke on "Assay Commission Medals".

Officers of DOWNEY NUMISMATISTS are DR. DONALD BACH (President); LYNDIA RICHARD (Vice-President); and ALBERTUS HOOGEVEEN (Secretary/Treasurer). Board members are : DOROTHY ANDERSON, JEAN ELLIS, CHARLES MORRISSEY and STEVE DAVIS. One of the newest members suggested that "we bring coins for identification". JOHN DAWSON took advantage of this opportunity and brought a hoard of interesting, relatively recent and some ancient coins.

The REDLANDS COIN CLUB has not held meetings during the summer. The club meets at the Redlands Library which is located across from the Redlands Bowl where summertime concerts make parking impossible. The club resumes meeting in October with the subject "Odd and Curious or Traditional Money". Secretary KAY LENKER will show slides and bring some items from her collection. Interest in this topic was generated by her June show and tell item of the recent Opitz book on the subject.

JERRY KLEEB presented another interesting and informative program in June to the SANTA ANA COIN CLUB. In July, WILFORD GAMBLE showed half of the video "Modern Marvels-The U. S. Mint". The second half was shown in August.

The TUSTIN COIN CLUB's program in July was BOB SMYTHE's program on "Russia". The next month FRANK IACSVITTI spoke on "Roman Empire Coinage". He covered mostly before the B. C. period. The meetings of this club feature a raffle, show & tell and an auction.

The June meeting of the VERDUGA HILLS COIN CLUB featured DENNIS BERRY speaking about "Casino Silver Strikes". HAROLD KATZMAN's July program was "California Mission Medals". August saw RICHARD MURACHANIAN talk about "GSA Carson City Silver Dollar Hoard". The club plans to hold its 37th annual show at the Van Nuys Masonic Hall, Sunday, March 24, 2002.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF
COIN CLUBS AND SOCIETIES THAT
BELONG TO C. S. N. A.

*Non-geographic club

NORTH:

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB

DELTA COIN CLUB (STOCKTON)

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

EUREKA COIN CLUB

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB

FREMONT COIN CLUB

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

GATEWAY COIN CLUB OF MERCED
COUNTY

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION (NCNA)

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC
SOCIETY

PENINSULA COIN CLUB

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB*

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

VISALIA COIN CLUB

WESTERN WOODEN MONEY CLUB*

SOUTH:

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB

**CALIFORNIA EXONUMISTS
SOCIETY***

CHULA VISTA COIN CLUB

COINEERS COIN CLUB

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NUMISMATISTS**

COVINA COIN CLUB

FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATISTS

FULL STEP NICKEL CLUB

GLENDALE COIN CLUB

**THE GREATER ORANGE COUNTY
COIN CLUB**

HEARTLAND COIN CLUB

**INTERNATIONAL COIN
COLLECTORS SOCIETY***

HEMET NUMISMATISTS

**ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF
L. A./ISRAEL COIN CLUB OF LOS
ANGELES**

LITTON COIN CLUB

LONG BEACH COIN CLUB

LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB

**NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (NASC)**

OCEANSIDE-CARLSBAD COIN CLUB

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN
CLUB**

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY INTER-CLUB
NUMISMATIC COUNCIL**

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

SANTA BARBARA COIN CLUB

**SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
NUMISMATICS (SIN)-SAN GABRIEL
VALLEY CHAPTER**

**SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL
NUMISMATICS**

UPLAND COIN CLUB

VENTURA COUNTY COIN CLUB

WHITTIER COIN CLUB

If you are not seeing your club in CALCOIN NEWS, it's because we are not receiving information from you.

If a member of your club is also a member of C. S. N. A. and you would like to see this person featured in a Who's Who column contact The Editor.

A copy of your monthly newsletter sent to the appropriate Assistant Editor (North or South of the Tehachapis) will get club information in CALCOIN NEWS. If you would like to see your club in a "Showcase" article, send meeting information and a brief history of the club, its goals, accomplishments etc. to the appropriate Assistant Editor.
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PLAY PROMINENT ROLE AT A. N. A. CONVENTION IN ATLANTA

Reported by Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald

At the recent AMERICAN NUMISMATIC CONVENTION in Atlanta, Georgia, CSNA members were very prominent in the activities! CSNA members John Wilson (President); Gary Lewis (Vice-President); and Kay Lenker (Governor) were installed at the banquet on Saturday evening.

On Friday evening, the team composed of CSNA Director Jim Hunt from San Diego and Past President, Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald won the "World Series of Numismatics" beating out four other teams at the revival of one of the most popular educational programs at the ANA gathering. The speciality of the "Hunt-Fitzgerald" team was private gold issues and they had a perfect score. In fact, by the third round, they were so far ahead that they "passed" on the last question.

CSNA Treasurer, Kay Lenker, Directors Jim Hunt and Gary Beedon, Director of Education, Dr. Tom Fitzgerald and member William Spengler judged the exhibits. CSNA Past President David Lange announced his forthcoming marriage on August 18th.

National volunteers at the ANA
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Convention included CSNA Past President Dorothy Baber, Vice-President G. Lee Kuntz and his wife, Joyce, Director Michael "Steamer" Stanley and members Larry and Cecelia Baber.

It has been announced that the 2005 A. N. A. Summer Convention will be held in California with a site to be named.

THE WAY IT WAS.....

By Virginia Hall, LM 26-02,
Editor Emeritus

Well over 2,000 devoted coin buffs beat a path to the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco, April 21, 22, 23, 1972, to help CSNA celebrate its 25th anniversary and their 50th semi-annual convention. The historic old hotel was the perfect backdrop for this memorable milestone in the association's history, lending a touch of elegance to convention activities.

A few early CSNA officers were treated to a tour of the U. S. Assay Office, which was also the model for the convention medal. It was a real treat to see the 1972 Eisenhower proof dollars being struck.

The first official function was the luncheon at noon Friday in the beautiful Garden Court. Irene Liss was hostess for the event. Senator Milton Marks presented President Phillips and General Chairman Ruth Ludwigsen, a senate resolution proclaiming April 21-23 as "California Gold Days".

The Educational Forum was held on Friday night with Don Thrall as Moderator. Three speakers presented

programs on diversified topics. U. E. "Jack" Weaver of Woodland, a devoted check collector, spoke on "What's New? Check Collecting Is". Moderator Thrall spoke for Ericch Werling on "Oversize Multiple Thalers of the Brunswick Duchies." The last speaker was Robert Bridges, assistant officer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office in San Francisco, who spoke on "Minting Operations".

The Franklin Mint operated a hospitality room and theater lounge throughout the convention with Ralph and Ruth Mitchell, Franklin Mint Representatives, as hosts. Mr. William Kreig, vice-president of the Franklin Mint was also present.

Saturday is traditionally meeting day for the various participating organizations. Among these was the CES quarterly meeting followed with a forum of two guest speakers. Mrs. Joy Parrish spoke on "The World of Wooden Money" and Mrs. Ethel Lenhert spoke on "The California Mission Medals". Later in the evening, at the banquet, C. E. S. President Elizabeth Case presented Mary Capozzi the 'Best in Exonumia' award for her prize winning exhibit "Siam, Land of the White Elephant".

The Awards Banquet was preceded by a no-host cocktail party in the beautiful Ralston Room which was decorated in gold and silver. The Host Club, Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Presented a huge three tiered silver and gold birthday cake to CSNA. Dr. C. W. Aby, PCNS Vice-President and Master of Ceremonies, asked PCNS President Ruth Ludwigsen and CSNA President S. Everett Phillips to make the first cuts in the cake, symbolizing the strong bonds of friendship between the two organizations. The appointment

of Mrs. Barbara Hyde as the editor of Calcoin News was announced.

After introductions were made at the banquet, which included two guests from Vancouver, Norman W. Williams, president of the Canadian Numismatic Association and Paul Siggars, a director of CNN, Miss Eva Adams, the former director of the United States Mint and ANA representative addressed the convention. She told of her experiences in Mexico, from which she had just returned, and congratulated CSNA on its 25th anniversary.

Maurice Gould presented the first award of the evening to CSNA Vice-President William O. Wisslead for his chairing the annual Symposium held earlier in the year. James R. Briggs, Chairman of the CSNA Literary Awards Committee, presented Charles Colver and Dan Harley (co-authors) with first place for their article "The Liberia One Cent of 1833". Second place went to William DeVroom of Australia for his article "The 1952 Crown of South Africa". Another highlight of the awards was the presentation of the CSNA medal of Merit to Clifford Liss, past president, for his outstanding service to the organization. Exhibit Chairman, Milton C. Strauch presented awards in each of 12 categories. The Best in Show was won by Henry Erlich for his exhibit entitled "Coin Minting".

The Palace Court Strings provided beautiful music at the Saturday night banquet and Rudy Gjurovich was around with his famous 'money suit' helping visitors.

Sunday wrap-up began with a wake-up breakfast where goodbyes were said and the 50th convention passed into history.

C. S. N. A. **SHOWS &** **EVENTS**

**2nd NORTHERN
CALIFORNIA
SYMPOSIUM:
November 3, 2001
Fort Mason
San Francisco
Hosted by
Pacific Coast Numismatic
Society**

**110th C. S. N. A.
CONVENTION
FEBRUARY 15-17, 2002
CONCORD-SHERATON
HOTEL
45 John Glenn Dr . @ Hwy 680
General Chairman
Mike Stanley
Hosted by
Diablo Numismatic Society**

**34th SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA SYMPOSIUM:
March 16, 2002
SHERATON FOUR POINTS
FULLERTON**

**111th CSNA CONVENTION
AUGUST 24 & 25, 2002
Masonic Temple
50 W. Duarte
ARCADIA**

MEMBER CLUB SHOWS

**OCTOBER 12-14,
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International Coin Collectors
Society—Coin, Stamp &
Collectibles Expo
River Palms Hotel Casino
2700 S Casino Drive (On the
Colorado River)
\$2 Admission (Come & Go all 3
days) Seniors \$1
Friday: 1PM-7PM
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STOCKTON
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COIN SHOW
Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon St.
Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P O
Box 5787, Stockton, CA 95205
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**OCTOBER 27 & 28
FRESNO
FRESNO NUMISMATIC
SOCIETY 34th ANNUAL COIN
SHOW
Las Palmas Masonic Hall,
2992 E Clinton Avenue
Admission \$1
Bourse: Ruth Phillips,
227 N Duke,
Fresno, CA 93727**

NOVEMBER 11

PALO ALTO

**PENINSULA COIN CLUB
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Elk's Lodge #1471

4290 El Camino Real

Bourse: Fred van den Haak,

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NOVEMBER 23-25

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**International Coin Collectors
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CONCORD

**DIABLO NUMISMATIC
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CONTRA COSTA**

SHOW 9:00A.M. to 4:00P.M.

**Concord Veterans Memorial
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DECEMBER 7-9

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Glendale Civic Auditorium,
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DECEMBER 14-16

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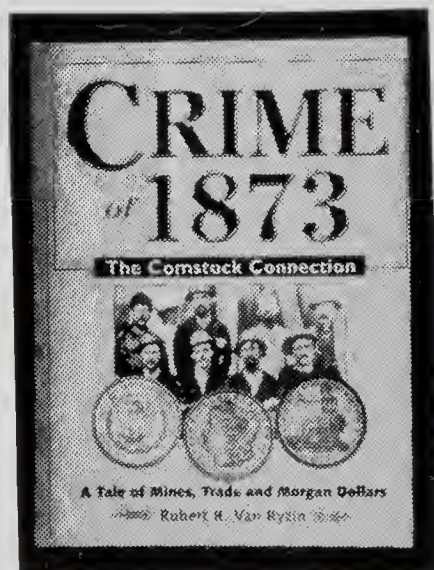
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Robert R. Van Ryzin is an accomplished authority on U. S. coinage history and winner of several Numismatic Literary Guild Awards. He also authored “Striking Impressions: A Visual Guide to Collecting U. S. Coins” and “Twisted Tails: Sifted Fact, Fantasy and Fiction from U. S. Coin History” He is currently editor for Coins magazine and a featured speaker at museums, symposiums and conventions.

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